

<sup>24</sup> **“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”**

<sup>28</sup> **When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.**

### Lessons from Matthew 7

**Vs. 1-2 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**

Three reasons that we should not judge:

1. We never know the whole facts or the whole person.
2. It is almost impossible for anyone to be strictly impartial in their judgment.
3. No one is good enough to judge another person.

**Vs. 7-8 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”**

Aorist Imperative: Action “Ask” “Seek” “Knock”

Present Imperative: Continuous Action. Keep - “Asking, Seeking, Knocking.”

**Vs. 13-14 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.**

We are always at a crossroads. Every moment is a decision.

1. It’s the difference between the easy way and the difficult way.
2. It’s the difference between the disciplined way or the undisciplined way.
3. Pleasure now – pain later or Pain - now pleasure later

**Vs. 15,17 “Watch out for false prophets....<sup>17</sup> every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.**

1. False teachers are concerned about their own prestige and selfish gain.  
(arrogant and separatist)
2. False teachers focus mostly on externals.  
(mostly “thou shalt not”)
3. False teachers teach their own ideas as equal to God’s word.  
(example: this is the only true church)

**Vs. 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.**

1. Faith without practice is a contradiction in terms.
2. Love without obedience is an impossibility.

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